



## **Connecticut Department of Public Health**

### **Testimony Presented Before the Public Health Committee**

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### **Senate Bill # 68 An Act Concerning Marital and Family Therapist Associates**

The Department of Public Health is opposed to Senate Bill 68. This bill would create a new licensure category for marital and family therapist associates. The Department feels this is unnecessary because section 20-195f of the general statutes currently allows a person holding a graduate degree in marriage and family therapy or a certificate of completion of a post degree program for marriage and family therapy education to practice without a license as part of supervised work experience required for eventual licensure as a marriage and family therapist.

As Governor Malloy stated in his 2016 State of the State Address, we must reset our expectations of what we can afford in light of the new economic reality facing Connecticut. Because an unbudgeted fiscal impact would result from the creation of a new licensure category, the Department cannot support this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's view of this proposal.